

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, June 6, 2007
5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall
Room W-120
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113**

HELEN CHAPMAN, CHAIR

MELANIE RICHARDSON, VICE CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER

LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M. HARDING

JAMES KIM

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

MARY ANN RUIZ

MARK SWINEFORD

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1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Chapman, Flaughner, Hamilton, and Swineford

Late: Commissioner Harding arrived at 5:23 p.m., Commissioner Kim at 6:05 p.m.,
Commissioner Richardson at 6:06 p.m., and Commissioner Ruiz at 6:12 p.m.

Absent: Commissioner Matsushima

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 ORDERS OF THE DAY

Item 8.1 was deferred to August 1, 2007

Item 8.2 was deferred to June 20, 2007

Items were heard out of order.

4 CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- 4.1 Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Outgoing Commissioner(s)
Item deferred to June 20, 2007

5 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker: Michael Larocca, President of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association, spoke regarding the Association's intent to submit a request for naming Bascom Community Center.

6 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6.1 Approval of Synopsis for April 18, 2007 Meeting
- 6.2 Approval of Synopsis for May 2, 2007 Meeting
- 6.3 Approval of Synopsis for May 16, 2007 Meeting
- 6.4 Approval of History Park Master Plan Amendment
Monica Tucker of History San Jose was present to answer questions.
- 6.5 Approval of Letter: LEED Certification Costs for Bascom and Solari Joint Facilities
Mike Larocca, Chair of the Community Services Subcommittee for the Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee, spoke regarding sources to fund solar power and other green technologies. Commission discussion focused on funding issues.
- 6.6 Approval of Letter of Support for PRNS 2007-08 Operating and Capital Budget Priorities
- 6.7 Approval of Cancellation of July 4 and July 18, 2007 Meetings

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Harding, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved except for Items 6.4 and 6.5.

Item 6.4 was pulled for clarification. It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Swineford, and voted 7-0-1 that the History Park Master Plan Amendment be Approved. Commissioner Hamilton abstained.

Item 6.5 was pulled for clarification. It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, and voted unanimously that Chair Chapman prepare a letter to the City Council reflecting the Commission's concern regarding use of the park bond contingency fund.

7 PUBLIC HEARING

- 7.1 Naming of New Park at Towers Lane and Aborn Road
Brad Brown presented the park project. This park is located at the southeasterly corner of Towers Lane and Aborn Road. A Nomination Form was submitted by West Evergreen Neighborhood Action Committee proposing the name of "West Evergreen

Neighborhood Park”. No representative from the NAC was present to speak to this item. Concern was raised regarding the extent of community outreach to secure name nominations. Staff indicated they would investigate and return to the Commission with a follow-up at a future date.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Flaughner and voted unanimously that approval of the park name be postponed until staff presented information regarding community outreach in securing park name nominations.

7.2 Naming of New Turnkey Park Associated with Tuscany Hills Development

Steve Bull, Project Developer of Tuscany Hills Development for KB Homes, presented this item. This park is located at the corner of Senhorinha and Adeline and is a “town square” type with walkways and a center plaza. Four members of the Vieira family were present and David Vieira spoke. Commission discussion focused on the importance of including a historical marker.

It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, and voted unanimously that the Tuscany Hills Turnkey Park be named Vieira Park with recommendation for a historical marker onsite.

7.3 Approval of Pellier Park Master Plan

Dave Mitchell presented the revised master plan for Pellier Park. Comments were directed to Bruce Hill, Landscape Architect, and Martin Menne of MCM Diversified, Inc. Questions posed by the Commissioners included boundaries of the park, fencing, arbor, plaque, security and lighting.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Flaughner, and voted unanimously that the Revised Master Plan for Pellier Park be approved with the corrected Phase I plan diagram included.

7.4 Naming and Review of Montecito Vista Turnkey Park at Monterey Highway and Goble Lane

Brad Brown reported on this item. This park is located at Monterey Road and Umbarger. T. Tran representing ROEM Development Corporation spoke. Concern was raised about naming a park in honor of a living individual, as well as the lack of community outreach to solicit additional name suggestions.

It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Flaughner and voted unanimously that approval of the park name be postponed until staff presented information regarding community outreach in securing additional park name nominations.

8 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Support City’s Position Regarding Secondary Units

Item deferred to August 1, 2007

8.2 Approval of Aquatics Program Master Plan

Item deferred to June 20, 2007

8.3 Status Presentation on Sport Complex Development

Acting Assistant Director Julie Mark provided a PowerPoint presentation describing previous efforts on developing a softball complex on Singleton Landfill and a soccer complex on Shady Oaks Park. A six-month work plan was presented with the goal of identifying viable sites for development by December 2007. If no such sites exist, the staff recommendation is to focus on developing smaller 1 or 2 fields in neighborhoods around the city. The Commission will be hosting a public hearing to gain input from all stakeholders in the sports community as part of the work plan for the next six months.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, and voted unanimously that the Status Report be accepted.

8.4 PDO/PIO Fee Adjustments

Matt Cano, Division Manager, presented the modifications to the PDO/PIO fees following the land survey conducted by Diaz, Diaz and Boyd. Commission discussion focused on land valuation. Kerri Hamilton, community member, expressed concern about accurate land values. Matt Cano committed to brainstorming a modified scope of work to include the Commission's and community's concerns.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Harding and voted unanimously that the Commission recommend to the City Council that the parkland in-lieu fees be adjusted to reflect the 2006 Residential Land Value Study.

8.5 Coyote Valley Environmental Impact Report Discussion

Chair Helen Chapman provided an update on the Coyote Valley Environmental Impact Report. Request was made for items not addressed in the Environmental Impact Report. Group discussion followed regarding funding, air quality, traffic, wild life corridor, animal control, and tree removal.

It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and voted unanimously to request staff to draft a response based on the Commission's comments for review at the June 20, 2007 Commission Study Session.

8.6 Approval of Letter to City Council Regarding Parks Maintenance Funding and Selection of Commissioner(s) to Represent Commission at June 11, 2007 Public Hearing

Jim Zito, Chair of Parks Maintenance Funding Subcommittee, addressed the Commission and asked for further revision to the letter. Julie Mark agreed to have staff prepare a hybrid version for the Subcommittee's review. Discussion followed regarding the timeline for processing the letter.

It was moved by Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Harding, and voted 7-0-1 to authorize the PRNS staff to rewrite the letter for the Subcommittee's review. Furthermore, that Commissioner Chapman be authorized to sign the letter with corrections. Commissioner Harding abstained.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Harding, and voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Kim to represent the Commission at Rules Committee on June 20, 2007.

- 8.7 Nominating Committee to Present a Slate of Commission Officers for 2007-08, Election of Commission Officers for 2007-08
Commissioner Flaughner presented the slate of officers.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Harding, and voted unanimously to appoint Melanie Richardson as Chair, Mary Ann Ruiz as Vice Chair, and James Kim as alternate.

- 8.9 Approval of Greenprint Vision
Greenprint Manager Suzanne Wolf identified recent and upcoming meetings with the community. Ms. Wolf recommended the Greenprint overview be deferred to the August 15, 2007 retreat.

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Kim and voted unanimously that action be deferred on the approval of the Greenprint Vision to the August Retreat.

9 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Albert Balagso reported a smoking ban in parks will again be considered. This resulted from a referral from the Rules and Open Government Committee.

10 LIAISON REPORT

- 10.1 Council Liaison
No report.
- 10.2 County Parks and Recreation
No report.
- 10.3 Evergreen Smart Growth Project
Dave Mitchell reported. The Planning Commission is bringing the proposed work plan to upgrade the Evergreen Development policy to the City Council on June 19, 2007.
- 10.4 Parks Maintenance Sub-Committee Report
No report.
- 10.5 Land Use Policy Sub-Committee Report
Commissioner Harding presented a draft version of the Parks and Recreation Land Use Policy Guidelines. He requested review and comment from the Commission.
- 10.6 Sports Facility Feasibility Study Committee
Commissioner Richardson reported the Sports Facility Feasibility Study Committee will next meet on June 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
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11 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11.1 Facility ReUse Update

11.2 Commissioner News Items

11.3 Future Agenda Items

12 CORRESPONDENCE

13 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. The next general meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2007.